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1. The decentralization policy recently carried out in Yugoslavia has extended far beyond the economic field, and in particular has affected the Communist Party itself. It has also led to considerable friction between the Central and individual Republican authorities.
2. At the moment a particularly acute crisis is raging between the Slovene branch of the Communist Party and the Central Committee in Belgrade, as the former is demanding a greater degree of autonomy than the latter is prepared to grant.
3. The situation has become so acute that both Tito and Kardelj have intervened personally, but so far without success.

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